AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

1. (Currently Amended) A device for manually loading coins in a coin canister of a coin dispenser, the canister having a series of tubular receptacles for holding a stack of coins, the device comprising:

a stand constructed to receive the coin canister and secure the coin canister in a loading position;

a funnel having a body portion and a spout portion mounted for sliding movement on the coin canister along the series of tubular receptacles ~~for alignment in a first position with a first one of the series of tubular receptacles and for alignment in a second position with a second one of the series of tubular receptacles~~, the funnel body having an opening to allow the insertion of coins and an internal coin passage constructed to provide a flow path for the coins to pass into the coin canister receptacles in a metered flow through an exit constructed in the spout, wherein the funnel is ~~constrained from sliding movement in at least one of the first position and the second position.~~ capable of being disposed in an upper vertical position and a lower vertical position, wherein the upper vertical position allows the funnel to slide horizontally along the series of tubular receptacles, and the lower vertical position restricts the funnel from sliding along the series of tubular receptacles.

2. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the funnel is mounted above a manifold, the manifold constructed to releasably engage the coin canister, the manifold having a series of tubular passages for alignment with the series of tubular receptacles of the coin canister, and wherein the funnel is moved above the manifold for alignment with one of the series of tubular passages to form a continuous passage into the tubular receptacles of the coin canister.

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 2, wherein the funnel is constructed with an exit opening of a size sufficient to accommodate the largest coin of a particular set of coins and each of the tubular passages of the manifold are constructed with an upper opening of a common size with the funnel exit and a lower opening having a coin specific diameter in common with the tubular receptacle with which the respective tubular passage is aligned.

4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the funnel further comprises:

a ramp extending transverse to the coin passage to divide the coin passage into an upper stage and a lower stage to elongate the path by which the coins pass through the funnel, thereby encouraging a metered flow of coins through the funnel.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the stand ~~is constructed having features which engage the tubular receptacles of the canister to square off the tubular receptacles and assist the seating of the coins as the coins are loaded therein.~~ comprises a plurality of protruding features (protrusions?) that interlock with a bottom surface of each of the tubular receptacles to create a smooth floor for stacking the coins.

6. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a front cover that engages the canister to provide a guide surface for falling coins by increasing a circumferential surface of the tubular receptacles.

7. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 2, wherein the funnel is mounted on a collar and the collar is mounted on the coin loader above the manifold for sliding movement, the collar being constructed with an opening therein to receive the spout of the funnel.

8. (Previously Presented) A device for manually loading coins in a coin canister of a coin dispenser, the canister having a series of tubular receptacles for holding a stack of coins, the device comprising:

a stand constructed to receive the coin canister and secure the coin canister in a loading position; and

a funnel having a body portion and a spout portion mounted for sliding movement on the coin canister for alignment with one of the series of tubular receptacles, the funnel body having an opening to allow the insertion of coins and an internal coin passage constructed to provide a flow path for the coins to pass into the coin canister receptacles in a metered flow through an exit constructed in the spout,

wherein the funnel is mounted above a manifold, the manifold constructed to releasably engage the coin canister, the manifold having a series of tubular passages for alignment with the series of tubular receptacles of the coin canister,

wherein the funnel is moved above the manifold for alignment with one of the series of tubular passages to form a continuous passage into the tubular receptacles of the coin canister,

wherein the funnel is mounted on a collar and the collar is mounted on the coin loader above the manifold for sliding movement, the collar being constructed with an opening therein to receive the spout of the funnel, and

wherein the collar is mounted on rails molded into a front cover and a rear cover.

9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the stand is constructed with brackets constructed to receive the coin loading device for storage.

10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the stand is constructed to receive the canister and hold the canister angled from the vertical.